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SUBJECT: SECURITY COUNCIL VOTES TO RECOMMEND DJIBOUTI FOR
UN MEMBERSHIP

1. THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL JULY 7 VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO RECOM-
MEND TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT THE REPUBLIC OF DJIBOUTI
BE ADMITTED TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE UN.

2. ALTHOUGH THE ORIGINAL WISH OF THE DJIBOUTI GOVERNMENT AS
CONVEYED TO FRANCE WAS TO HAVE FRANCE PUT FORWARD THE RESOLU-
TION WITH THE THREE AFRICAN SC MEMBERS COSPONSORING, OTHERS,
INCLUDING THE SOVIET UNION, SIGNIFIED THEIR WISH TO COSPONSOR.
AT THE REQUEST OF THE FRENCH DELEGATION, THEREFORE, IT WAS
PROPOSED IN THE COMMITTEE ON ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS THAT
ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL JOIN IN COSPONSORSHIP. THE U.S.

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AND OTHER WESTERN DELEGATIONS ACCEDED TO THE FRENCH WISH IN
ORDER TO AVOID BEING ISOLATED AND PLACING THE SOVIETS AND
OTHERS IN A SOMEWHAT MORE FAVORABLE LIGHT.

3. STATEMENTS, MOST OF THEM BRIEF, WERE MADE BY ALL FIF-
TEEN MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL AND SIX OTHERS (OMAN FOR THE
ARAB GROUP, GABON FOR THE OAU, SOMALIA FOR THE AFRICAN

GROUP, YEMEN, ETHIOPIA AND EGYPT). THE STATEMENTS CARRIED LITTLE SUBSTANCE OF INTEREST. THE PANAMANIAN PERMREP BEST THE CANAL AND COLONIALISM IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE THEMES (BEING REPORTED SEPTTEL). THE SOVIET WAS THE ONLY REPRESENTATIVE TO MENTION THE PROSPECT OF VIETNAM APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP; SEVERAL SECRETARIAT AND OTHER MISSION SOURCES INDICATED THE EXPECTATION THAT, WHEN THE SRV PERMREP RETURNS TO NEW YORK NEXT WEEK, THE PRC PRESIDENT WILL MOVE TO TAKE UP THE VIETNAMESE APPLICATION DURING HIS INCUMBENCY IN JULY. THE CHINESE, MAKING HIS NATIONAL STATEMENT JUST BEFORE THE VOTE, LAMBASTED THE SOVIETS (THOUGH NOT BY NAME) FOR SOWING DISSENSION AND DISCORD IN THE REGION AND SEEKING DOMINATION OF THE RED SEA AREA.

4. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE STATEMENT DELIVERED FOR THE U.S. BY AMBASSADOR MCHENRY:

QUOTE THE UNITED STATES IS PLEASED TO SUPPORT THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE REPUBLIC OF DJIBOUTI IN THE UNITED NATIONS. AS FOR SO MANY NATIONS BEFORE IT, THE ROAD TO INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY FOR DJIBOUTI HAS OFTEN BEEN DIFFICULT. DJIBOUTI HAS ACCOMPLISHED ITS NATIONHOOD IN PEACE AND CONCORD, AND WITH THE SUPPORT AND FRIENDSHIP OF FRANCE AND OF MANY OTHER COUNTRIES, AMONG WHOM WE COUNT OURSELVES.

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OTHER NATIONS. WITH MAJOR PORT FACILITIES SITUATION ALONG ONE OF THE OLDEST AND MOST IMPORTANT TRADING ROUTES IN THE WORLD, DJIBOUTI SERVES A VAST REGION OF THE HORN OF AFRICA. ITS PEOPLE ARE LINKED BY RELIGION, CULTURE AND LANGUAGE WITH MANY OF THE PEOPLE OF SURROUNDING NATIONS, BOTH IN AFRICA AND THE ARABIAN PENINSULA. THESE TIES, AND THE HISTORICAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE WORLD THAT A TRADING NATION LIKE DJIBOUTI HAS, LEND ITS EMERGENCE INTO AN INDEPENDENT ROLE IN REGIONAL AND WORLD AFFAIRS AN UNUSUAL MEANING AND PROMISE.

THE INHABITANTS OF THE NEW REPUBLIC WILL NOW GUIDE THEIR OWN DESTINY. WE BELIEVE THAT A TRANQUIL AND INDEPENDENT DJIBOUTI WILL BE AN ASSET TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, AND MOST ESPECIALLY TO ITS IMMEDIATE NEIGHBORS.

THE UNITED STATES HAS EXTENDED RECOGNITION TO THE REPUBLIC OF DJIBOUTI AND RAISED ITS CONSULATE GENERAL TO THE STATUS OF AN EMBASSY. WE SUPPORT THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE NEW REPUBLIC OF DJIBOUTI IN THE UNITED NATIONS WITH THE CONFIDENCE THAT THE PRINCIPLES WHICH INSPIRED THE LEADERS OF THE NEW STATE TO GUIDE THEIR PEOPLE SUCCESSFULLY TO INDEPENDENCE WILL CONTINUE TO GUIDE THEM IN OUR COMMON EFFORT TO ESTABLISH A WORLD

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